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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 4, 2000

APPLICATION OF

DOMINION ENERGY DIRECT SALES, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000349

For a license to conduct  
business as a competitive  
service provider in electric  
and natural gas retail access  
pilot programs

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On August 1, 2000, Dominion Energy Direct Sales, Inc. ("DEDSI" or "Applicant"), completed an application for licensure to conduct business as a competitive service provider. DEDSI states that it seeks to provide commercial and industrial electric and gas commodity sales and energy consulting in Virginia in conjunction with the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company, American Electric Power - Virginia, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Washington Gas Light Company, and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. DEDSI is an affiliate of Virginia Electric and Power Company and CNG Retail Services Corporation.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the captioned application, the Commission is of the opinion that DEDSI's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give appropriate notice of

its application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE000349.

(2) A copy of DEDSI's application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or can be ordered from Applicant's counsel, Donald G. Owens, Esquire, Mays & Valentine, L.L.P., 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(3) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request for the same in writing to Donald G. Owens, Esquire, at the address set forth above. The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(4) On or before August 11, 2000, DEDSI shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers of general circulation within the geographical areas approved by the

Commission for each pilot program in which the Applicant seeks to participate:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION  
BY DOMINION ENERGY DIRECT SALES, INC., TO  
CONDUCT BUSINESS AS A COMPETITIVE SERVICE  
PROVIDER IN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS RETAIL  
ACCESS  
PILOT PROGRAMS  
CASE NO.PUE000349

On August 1, 2000, Dominion Energy Direct Sales, Inc. ("DEDSI" or "Applicant"), completed an application with the State Corporation Commission for a license to conduct business as a competitive service provider. DEDSI states that it seeks to provide commercial and industrial electric and natural gas commodity sales and energy consulting in Virginia within the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Electric and Power Company, American Electric Power - Virginia, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Washington Gas Light Company, and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. DEDSI is an affiliate of Virginia Electric and Power Company and CNG Retail Services Corporation.

Copies of DEDSI's application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or can be ordered from Applicant's counsel, Donald G. Owens, Esquire, Mays & Valentine, L.L.P., 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on DEDSI's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before August 23, 2000, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and

should refer to Case No. PUE000349. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Applicant's counsel, Donald G. Owens, Esquire, at the address set forth above.

DOMINION ENERGY DIRECT SALES, INC.

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on DEDSI's application may do so by directing an original and five (5) copies of such comments on or before August 23, 2000, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE000349. A copy of any such comments simultaneously shall be served by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to counsel for Applicant, Donald G. Owens, Esquire, Mays & Valentine, L.L.P., 1111 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(6) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of DEDSI's application and shall present its findings in a Staff report to be filed on or before August 29, 2000.

(7) On or before September 5, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response it may have to the Staff report and any comments that have been filed, and shall serve a copy of its response on counsel for the Commission Staff and any person(s) submitting comments. Service shall be by such method that ensures that the response is received by September 5, 2000.

(8) Due to the time-sensitive nature of this proceeding, the Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within three (3) business days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-450 to -510.

(9) On or before August 23, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the service required in Ordering paragraph (4) herein.

(10) This matter is continued generally.